

Utah State Medical Association

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ACQUIRING MERIT

The Orientals have a saying when a man performs a kindly act or one contributing to the welfare or comfort of a fellow-being that he "acquires merit" thereby. The thought is one worth considering in its application to the association of human beings East or West, we think, and surely the officers of the State Association and the committee on education deserve great credit and have acquired much merit by the work done on the post-graduate course in connection with the annual state meeting in September, a full provisional schedule of which is printed in the body of these notes.

Times were when the standard of the county society or the state society, with rare exceptions, was that of the best informed man in the county or state. But times change. Today the possible standard is limited only by the knowledge of the profession at large. Modern means of communication and transportation have largely militated to this end. Too, there is a friendly, co-operative spirit growing up within our own ranks—a sincere desire to disseminate knowledge more than ever before.

There is, however, another way of acquiring merit. Enough that the committee has furnished the program—bigger, better, and more comprehensive than ever before in the history of the state. The duty now devolves upon every member of the profession within the commonwealth to avail himself of the rich mental banquet provided to his own betterment. This is bringing the university and college to his doors. The question is, shall he, will he partake? It is his moral duty to do so, for to him men and women and little children entrust daily their physical well-being—indeed, their lives. In the assuming of such a trust, surely no man should fail to equip himself with the best available knowledge. Does he not do so, he betrays a trust, and what true man would wish to so stultify either his profession or himself? It is to be hoped, then, that the medical men of Utah will let no avoidable consideration stand in their way in attending this course of intensive instruction—that they will hasten to arrange to be present, and that in so doing they will acquire merit for the days and months to follow. An ignorant physician is a danger to his patients—to his profession in this day and age, a disgrace. Literally, today the doctor is a soldier as much as he who wears a uniform and faces a barrage.

"If ye break faith, we shall not sleep
 Tho' poppies bloom in Flanders' fields—"

Learn, work, rest. It is the doctor's as well as the layman's life.

And surely he who seeks to learn all he may, work truly and sincerely, may best rest, when his work is

done, with a conscience clear and a knowledge that such merit as he may have acquired in the eyes of his fellows was deserved.

TROUBLESOME TENANTS

We medical men are troublesome tenants if the managements of office buildings are to be believed. We make so much elevator traffic with our patients, we make so much demand on the building service of light, heat, gas, water—in fact, everything. If we're surgeons, we have bloody dressings in containers which make the charwomen sick. If we do minor operations in our offices, we disturb the other tenants with the concomitant yells and shrieks our patients emit, or should we use an anesthetic the smell puts the stenographers of the adjoining offices to sleep. Our office girls visit with other office girls (or boys) and demoralize the service in every possible way. As a matter of fact, we are a sort of gang to be tolerated and permitted to pay rent, under duress, in case the building happens to have some space it wants filled up.

Consequently, it is with a feeling of something like dazed amazement that we note two announcements affecting the medical tenant directly within the past week. First to come was the news that the C. A. Quigley building, a fourteen-story, modern office structure, to be erected in the congested district, will set aside six to eight floors for the use of "the Docs." Second is the news that, inside the year, it is proposed to erect an exclusive medical and dental building—the Medical Arts building, as now provisionally called—which will literally house nothing save the two professions. This is to be a ten-story structure, built entirely for professional needs.

"Ubinam gentium sumus!" Cicero exclaims, "Where in the world are we!" Can it be possible that we poor orphans are at last to be provided with home and shelter inside the coming few months? Yet, why not? The thing has proved successful in other cities. We feel sure that both enterprises will be appreciated and patronized by the professions in Salt Lake.

Utah Notes (reported by J. U. Giesy, associate editor)
—New Office Building—It is announced that the C. A. Quigley building will soon be erected on Exchange Place. This will be a modern fourteen-story building in which six or eight floors are to be set aside for the needs of physicians and dentists. This is a welcome bit of news to the professions affected who for so long have felt the need of some such available space for offices designed and equipped for medical and dental needs rather than the makeshift arrangements of general office buildings for which physicians have been permitted to pay rent.

Salathiel Ewing, M. D., 1834-1925—Doctor Ewing, dean of medical men in Salt Lake, died recently of cerebral hemorrhage, at the age of 91 years. He was born in Union County, Ohio, December 24, 1834, and came to Salt Lake in 1883, where he conducted active practice until his death.

1925 Session U. M. A. Combined With Post-Graduate Week—This year the sessions of the State Medical Association will be combined with courses of graduate instruction, and the combined sessions will occupy the entire week of September 7 to 12.

Below will be found the provisional program of the post-graduate course to be held in connection with the annual meeting. We are proud to print this program. It touches the high mark of medical progress in Utah. It is

a golden opportunity knocking at the door of every sincere practitioner in the state. Read it and smile in anticipation.

"Some four years ago the Utah State Medical Association inaugurated the plan of having a week of clinics and inviting someone of eminence in the profession to conduct the same. The first two years were confined to diagnostic clinics in medicine; last year we added clinics in pediatrics and a review course in laboratory diagnosis; this year we are going further. The course will be combined with the annual meeting of the State Medical Association, and we will have an intensive week, covering the entire field. There will be papers, clinics, discussions, each day from 8 in the morning until 10 at night. Such a medical feast has never before been offered in this intermountain country. Those who will conduct this course are men of outstanding eminence in the profession. There will be work for the specialist; there will be work for the general practitioner remote from the aids of the up-to-date laboratory, x-ray, etc.; there will be work for everyone. You cannot afford to miss what will constitute practically an intensive six-day post-graduate course almost at your door.

A nominal registration fee of \$10 will be charged for the clinical course.

Date: September 7 to 12, 1925.

The following will conduct the course. A mere recital of the names is convincing proof of the excellence of the program:

Walter C. Alvarez, Professor of Research Medicine, University of California Medical School.

Joseph C. Beck, Professor of Otolaryngology, University of Illinois College of Medicine.

William F. Braasch, Professor of Urology, University of Minnesota Post-Graduate School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic.

Russell D. Carman, Professor of Roentgenology, University of Minnesota Post-Graduate School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic.

George B. Eusterman, Professor of Gastro-Enterology, University of Minnesota Post-Graduate School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic.

Alexius M. Forster, Chief of Staff, Cragmor Sanatorium for Tuberculosis.

Martin F. Engman, Professor of Dermatology, Washington University Medical School.

Carl A. Hamann, Dean and Professor of Applied Anatomy and Clinical Surgery, Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Julius H. Hess, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Edward Jackson, Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Colorado School of Medicine.

John L. Porter, Professor of orthopedic Surgery, Northwestern University Medical School.

Ernest Sachs, Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery, Washington University Medical School.

Final program announcing subjects will be mailed.

Your early registration is earnestly suggested.

Any further information will be cheerfully furnished."

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND POST-GRADUATE WEEK IN OUTLINE

Monday, September 7

8 to 9

Laboratory; Blood Count; Urinalysis.

9 to 12

Papers—Dr. Eusterman, Dr. Carman, Dr. Hess.

12 to 2

Meeting—House of Delegates.

2 to 6

Papers—Dr. Hamann, Dr. Braasch, Dr. Engman.

Meeting—House of Delegates.

8 to 10

Papers—Dr. Jackson, Dr. Beck.

Tuesday, September 8

8 to 9

Laboratory; Blood Chemistry.

9 to 12

Papers—Dr. Alvarez, Dr. Calonge, Dr. Hess, Dr. Sachs.

12 to 2

Meeting—House of Delegates.

2 to 6

Papers—Dr. Porter, Dr. Forster, Dr. Sundwall, Dr. Eusterman, Dr. Carman.

8 to 10

Banquet.

Wednesday, September 9

8 to 9

Laboratory; Serology.

9 to 12

Papers—Dr. Hamann, Dr. Alvarez, Dr. Engman.

2 to 6

Papers—Dr. Jackson, Dr. Porter, Dr. Sachs, Dr. Braasch.

8 to 10

Papers—Dr. Eusterman, Dr. Carman.

Thursday, September 10

8 to 9

Laboratory; Bacteriology—Sputum Examination.

9 to 12

Clinics—Dr. Hamann, Dr. Braasch, Dr. Engman.

2 to 6

Clinics—Dr. Porter, Dr. Sachs, Dr. Beck, Dr. Hess.

8 to 10

Clinic—Dr. Alvarez.

Friday, September 11

8 to 9

Laboratory; Gastric Analysis; Feces.

9 to 12

Clinics—Dr. Hamann, Dr. Alvarez.

2 to 6

Clinics—Dr. Hess, Dr. Eusterman, Dr. Carman.

8 to 10

Clinic—Dr. Forster.

Saturday, September 12

8 to 9

Laboratory; Tissue Diagnosis.

9 to 12

Clinics—Dr. Alvarez, Dr. Hamann.

2 to 6

Clinics—Dr. Forster, Dr. Hess.

All meetings, clinics and laboratory demonstrations will be held at the University of Utah.

Luncheon will be served at the University dining-hall daily.

The papers and clinics of Drs. Jackson and Beck will be on subjects of interest to the general practitioner.

EYE, EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT SECTION

Monday, September 7

12 to 2

Luncheon.

2 to 6

Papers or Clinical Talks—Dr. Jackson, Dr. Beck.

8 to 10

Papers—Dr. Jackson, Dr. Beck.

Tuesday, September 8

9 to 12

Papers—Dr. Beck, Dr. Jackson.

12 to 2

Luncheon.

2 to 6

Papers or Clinical Talks—Dr. Jackson, Dr. Beck.

Wednesday, September 9

9 to 12

Paper—Dr. Jackson.

12 to 2

Luncheon.

2 to 6

Clinic—Dr. Jackson.

Thursday, September 10

9 to 12

Papers—Dr. Beck.

12 to 2

Luncheon.

2 to 6

Clinic—Dr. Beck.

Papers and Clinics will be at the University of Utah, unless otherwise posted.

Salt Lake County Medical Society (reported by M. M. Critchlow, secretary)—At the meeting of June 8 President Brown announced the appointment of A. A. Kerr,

chairman, and Willard Christopherson and B. E. Bonar members of the committee to investigate the Visiting Nurses' Organization. Dr. Kerr reported for the committee and recommended that the Salt Lake County Medical Society endorse the organization of the Visiting Nursing Association if it were properly managed. The report was referred to the Committee on Public Health and Legislation for their action.

T. C. Gibson reported for the Committee to Supervise Public Lectures. Fred Stauffer reported for the Building Committee. F. B. Steele reported for the Library Committee. The secretary announced that the American Medical Association auto emblems have arrived.

A special meeting was called for June 16 to hear a representative of the American Birth Control League.

A telegram from James F. Percy was read, announcing that he could address the society if they wished. An invitation was extended to Dr. Percy to talk at a special meeting.

The following men were elected delegates to the Utah State Medical Association for two years: T. A. Flood, G. F. Roberts, L. N. Ossman, John Z. Brown, J. P. Kerby, F. H. Raley, S. D. Calonge, E. D. LeCompte, and R. R. Hampton. The following were elected delegates to serve one year: S. C. Baldwin and E. L. Skidmore. The following were elected alternates: G. N. Curtis, L. A. Stevenson, and Foster J. Curtis.

Special Meeting—A special meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Commercial Club Thursday, June 11, 1925. Thirty-nine members and two visitors were present.

President John Z. Brown introduced the speaker of the meeting, Dr. James F. Percy of Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Percy talked on "Heat in Cancer." He discussed the history of the cautery. He described his technic in cancer operations using his cautery. He cited many cases from his own experience, showing the advantage of cauterization over the usual method of dealing with malignancy.

His very interesting and instructive paper was discussed by Byron Reese, F. S. Bascom, A. Lipkis, A. A. Kerr, Clark Young, and A. C. Callister.

May 11—Sixty-one members and fourteen visitors were present at this meeting.

The scientific program was presented by members of the County Hospital staff, F. E. Straup presiding.

Ray T. Woolsey demonstrated some x-ray films of multiple pregnancy. Edwin R. Murphy presented a case of spasmophilia with laryngospasm and discussed the differential diagnosis and treatment. B. E. Bonar discussed a fatal case of diaphragmatic hernia in the new-born and showed pictures of the pathological specimen. He also showed films of enlarged thymus glands and outlined the clinical history of such a case treated by x-ray. Ralph Tandowsky showed a case of erysipelas and read an instructive paper based on a study of one hundred cases of this disease. George F. Roberts presented a case which had recovered from epidemic spinal meningitis. He discussed the treatment used in the recent epidemic. His case was discussed by G. H. Pace, R. T. Jellison, F. E. Straup, Frank Boucher, and G. E. McBride. Newton Miller presented two cases of scalp wounds and discussed the treatment. C. W. Woodruff presented an undiagnosed case of enlarged spleen. A patient 80 years old, who had been operated on for strangulated hernia, was presented by W. E. Maddison, and the surgical treatment of this condition was outlined by J. C. Landenberger. A case of stone formation in the bladder, due to foreign body, was presented by E. S. Pomeroy, and also a case of perineal fistula cured by dilatation of the urethral stricture.

Guy Van Scoyac showed a case of miners' consumption and a case of advanced pulmonary tuberculosis which had responded to calcium treatment.

These cases were discussed by H. S. Scott, George E. Robison, John Z. Brown, J. C. Landenberger, F. E. Straup, and George W. Middleton.

Fred Stauffer reported for the building committee, and outlined a plan for financing the ten-story building.

May 25—Fifty-six members and three visitors were present at this meeting.

The secretary read communications from the American Birth Control League, Inc., and the State of Utah Mormon Battalion Monument Commission. No action was taken on either of these communications. He also read a

communication from the American Medical Association referring to the auto emblems, and one from Miss Ruth Olson with reference to a position in a doctor's office.

J. C. Landenberger presented a clinical case. The man was struck by lightning, rendering him unconscious, producing superficial burns over the front of the body. He showed the man's clothing, which was peculiarly ripped and torn by the lightning. General discussion followed.

E. L. Skidmore discussed "The Insulin Treatment of Diabetes." He outlined the management in order to determine the tolerance, the administration of insulin, instructions to patients, symptoms of overdosage, treatment of coma and complications. He presented a clinical case which had been treated with insulin for three years. Ralph Pendleton, Mazel Skolfield, and A. A. Kerr discussed Skidmore's paper.

A. J. Hosmer's paper was on "The Acute Abdomen." He sighted many cases from his own practice, discussed the differential diagnoses, time for operation, and technic. The differential diagnoses of surgical conditions was discussed in detail. This instructive paper was discussed by S. H. Allen and E. L. Skidmore.

The applications of L. C. Potter and W. N. Cain were voted upon and they were elected to membership.

President Brown announced that the Visiting Nursing Association wanted a member of the Salt Lake County Medical Society on their board.

William T. Cannon moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the proposition and report at the next meeting. Seconded and carried.

Nevada State Medical Association

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THE 1925 SESSION OF THE N. M. A., ELKO, SEPTEMBER 4 AND 5

The 1925 meeting of the Nevada State Medical Association will be held at the Elko General Hospital, Friday and Saturday, September 4 and 5.

It has been announced to a number on our program that it would be September 11 and 12, but the dates are changed so that our program will not conflict with the Utah State Medical meeting and post-graduate course, which will be held September 7 to 12, inclusive.

Friday, September 4, we will have a luncheon at the General Hospital, and Friday evening at the theater, a movie on pulmonary tuberculosis. Saturday evening we will have a real banquet at La Moile, such as we had there in 1921; Saturday will be devoted not only to papers, but to clinical demonstrations. Sunday, September 6, we will have a fishing trip which the Elko County Society maintains may be the best that can be had anywhere in the United States.

The following is a quotation, in part, of Dr. W. A. Shaw's letter to the secretary, dated April 25, 1925: "We intend to have the finest meeting that has ever been put over in the state of Nevada. We put over a meeting in 1921 that we figured could be equaled, but not excelled; Reno apparently excelled our meeting at Bowers Mansion in numbers only. We, in Elko County, shall put on a meeting in September which will be written in the history of the Nevada association and which will also be remembered enthusiastically by all the medical men who attend."

Our Nevada members are urged to present clinical cases, to write to your secretary for a tentative program, then decide what subject you will present or discuss. All members and visitors who are to present a paper or clinical demonstration are urged to send to the secretary a resume of your subjects as early as possible so that those listed for discussion may be prepared for the same.

The Elko Society will provide space for exhibitors. No member may present or discuss a paper if his dues are unpaid.

The Washoe County Medical Society (reported by